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Sanusi-Reaction
ALL ROUND SUPPORT FOR SANUSI

ALOR SETAR, June 10 (Bernama) -- Kedah Barisan Nasional component party leaders today welcomed the appointment of former Agriculture Minister Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid as the Menteri Besar succeeding Tan Sri Osman Aroff.

They said Sanusi's selection for the post was to bring more progress and development to the state.

Kedah Umno Youth leader Ahmad Lebai Sudin said the movement accepted the decision by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who picked Sanusi, who is also Kuah assemblyman, as the new Menteri Besar.

"We fully support Sanusi's appointment in the interest of the people and development of the state," he said when contacted.

Ahmad, who is also Bukit Lada assemblyman, hoped that Sanusi's appointment would enhance the relations among the leaders in the party.

Osman announced today that his resignation would take effect on Sunday.

He also said Osman, being a leader, would accept the reality that leaders come and go.

"Osman has made significant contributions to the state during his tenure as Menteri Besar," he said.

Kedah MIC chairman V. Saravanan, in welcoming Sanusi's appointment, said being a former Cabinet minister, he has the experience and expertise to bring rapid development to the state.

MIC also thanked Osman for his support and his assistance to the Indian community during his tenure, said Saravanan, who is also a state executive councillor and Bukit Selambau assemblyman.

Kedah MCA deputy chairman Datuk Yong Pau Chak said the party would extend full cooperation to Sanusi for the continued growth of the state.

"MCA accepts anybody who is appointed the Kedah Menteri Besar," he said.

Another state executive councillor Abdul Razak Hashim also lauded Sanusi's appointment saying his vast experience and excellent track record would propel the state to greater heights.

Yan MP Datuk Badruddin Amiruldin said he supported Sanusi's appointment for continued development and the people's wellbeing.

As an Umno member, he said he adhered to the party's decision and wanted to see Umno as a disciplined party.

In KUALA LUMPUR, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu in supporting Sanusi's appointment said the party accepted Dr Mahathir's decision on the appointment.

MIC will support and cooperate with Sanusi in discharging his duties and at the same time we also express our profound appreciation for Osman for his contributions to the state and the Indian community, he told reporters after chairing the central working committee, here.

Samy Vellu also said Dr Mahathir would open the party's General Assembly on Aug 3 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC).

He said the assembly would be of a special significance as it coincided with the MIC's 50th anniversary celebrations.

In launching the celebrations, Dr Mahathir would also unveil the party's new logo, said Samy Vellu, who is also Works Minister.

Dr Mahathir would be given the honour to confer gold medals on 50 people who had contributed significantly to the party and Indian community.

Among them are party stalwarts, writers, journalists, welfare and cultural organisations and youth bodies.

He said a premier dinner to be attended by about 4,000 party leaders and special guests would be held in conjunction with the celebrations. --
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